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<b>(57) Abstract</b>  <p>The present invention relates to a method of producing certain peptides containing methylated arginines that are followed by a glycine residue and that constitute immunogenic determinants of antibodies present in sera from patients with systemic lupus erythematosus, or Epstein-Barr virus and wherein the methylation is a prerequisite for reacting with said antibodies. The invention also relates to the use of said peptides for diagnosis and treatment of systemic lupus erythematosus and related diseases, and diseases in which Epstein-Barr virus has been implicated.</p>		

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